

Howard, we have delayed Case Open to
insert this edited version of your conclusion.
You are a different man, but I love you.

Conclusion

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This book is, as intended, an exposure and an indictment of Gerald Posner and his mistitled book, *Case Closed*, the most dishonest of all the many books on the assassination of President Kennedy and its investigations. It also exposes and indicts the media and those who connived with Posner.

How dishonest are Posner and his book? Strong as is the case in this book, it is much less than the case I put together and that was much less than was possible. By the time my manuscript exceeded more than 200,000 words I did no more. This book shortens that lengthy indictment to make it more accessible to more people. However, copies of that lengthier indictment will be deposited with professional historians and their institutions for the historical record for the future. These historians provided the professional peer review that Posner and Random House avoided. They avoided this tradition on non-fiction publication for a very simple reason: with a competent peer review they would have had no such successful exploitation and commercialization of this great tragedy in our history.

Despite the prepublication raves by men of eminence not one of whom was in a position to offer the opinions used to sell this rewriting of our history. The professional historian among